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Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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I certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the presently listed references were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application dated not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of this communication is enclosed.

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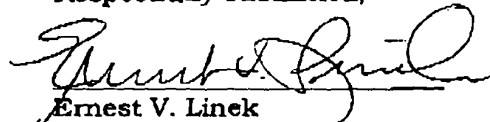
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